

## CALMAT WHITEHOUSE

### No More Revelations Made of Political Cabal.

#### PRESIDENT WINS APPROVAL

Receives Flood of Messages Pledging Support—Senators Bourne and Henshaw Call at Executive Office—Penrose Repeats His Denial of Shoreham Hotel Dinner Story.

Nothing occurred at the White House yesterday to indicate that more revelations are imminent in regard to the alleged plot to overthrow President Roosevelt's control of the Republican party.

All was calm and quiet there. It is the calmness, however, that precedes as well as follows the storm, if there be anything in hints conveyed by those who have inside knowledge of what the President has up his sleeve.

The published statements that a gigantic cabal exists within the dominant political party to wrest from the President the power to name the next candidate of the Republicans for the office which Mr. Roosevelt now holds have been followed, as might have been expected, by a flood of letters and telegrams from prominent men of his political faith, pledging their support to him in his effort to prevent the ascendancy of those who are charged with being concerned in the alleged conspiracy to control the next Republican national convention.

Others not prominent have been heard from also. Beyond the fact that these communications have been received, no statement was forthcoming from the White House in connection with the sensational allegations of the last few days that the President was beset by a combination of politicians and capitalists who were determined to end the radicalism that had been injected into the Republican party.

#### Two Senators Call.

The most significant occurrence of the day was the appearance at the White House of Senator Jonathan M. Bourne, of Oregon, and Senator Henry C. Henshaw, of North Dakota, both of whom have been mentioned as among those present at the dinner where Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania is said to have told of the "conspiracy" to overthrow the President. Senator Bourne is said to have been the host at this dinner, and Senator Henshaw a guest. They arrived at the executive offices at about the same time.

Senator Bourne was accompanied by a constituent, and this was afterward cited as a reason why ordinary routine matters were discussed between the President and himself. Secretary Loed said that Senator Bourne came to talk over affairs concerning the Lane Office, which tends to confirm the impression that although Senator Bourne has been in Washington a short time only, he is doing a land office business with the President.

Both Senator Bourne and Senator Henshaw would give no satisfaction to the reporters when they were asked about the dinner, at which Senator Penrose is supposed to have disclosed the cabal against Mr. Roosevelt. Secretary Loed, who was reported to have been one of the guests at this historical affair, merely smiled when asked for particulars.

#### PENROSE RENEWS DENIAL.

Declares He Will Soon Call on the President.

Philadelphia, April 6.—Senator Penrose to-night reiterated his denial of yesterday regarding the \$50,000 combine to defeat the policies of President Roosevelt.

"The best proof of the cordial relations existing between the President and myself," said Senator Penrose, "is the fact that within the next week I shall call on President Roosevelt at the White House by appointment, and shall then make it my especial purpose to tell him that I know nothing whatever about any kind of plot against the present administration. I know that Mr. Roosevelt will believe me."

"Why, as for that dinner at the Shoreham, where all this talk is supposed to have originated, I was not even present. As for making any further effort to deny what has been said in this matter, I shall not try to emulate Don Quixote in his attempt to tilt at windmills. I am not, and never have been interested in any conspiracy, and I can only repeat again and again that it is absurd to try to draw me into a controversy. As already said, my meeting with the President will set at rest any further talk as to my antagonizing Mr. Roosevelt, or the policies he has inaugurated."

#### Heyburn Professes Ignorance.

Senator W. B. Heyburn, of Idaho, who was in the city to-day, said that he had never heard of the Shoreham dinner, and that he did not believe any part of the alleged conspiracy to unseat President Roosevelt. He was at a loss to understand why the tale about the dinner had been published with the sanction of the White House. Asked about the \$50,000 fund to defeat the Roosevelt policy, Senator Heyburn said he had never heard of it, and said:

"Policy? I don't believe in policies. This is not a country of policies. Nor is it a government of policies. I don't believe in the policies of any one man. I believe in the government by law, and that is all. The law is first, and by that the government should be conducted."

#### MICHIGAN FOR ROOSEVELT.

Politicians All Predict that the President Will Sweep the State.

Detroit, Mich., April 6.—Michigan is solid for Roosevelt and his policies, and the biggest men in the State predict that if he runs again he will receive a majority equal to, if not greater than, that given him at the last Presidential election.

Gov. Warner, Federal officials, and State legislators all agree that Harrison and the money he is reported to be planning to spend here in the next election cannot serve this State from Roosevelt's reform policy.

#### FINDS BABY ON DOORSTEP.

Servant Discovers Richly Dressed Foundling When Bell Rings.

A colored servant at 1212 C street northwest, upon answering the door bell at 10 o'clock last night found a male child about three weeks old on the doorstep. The police were summoned, and the child was taken to the home of Mrs. Harriet Francy, 409 H street northwest. Mrs. Francy is one of the District nurses. From investigations, the police believe that the child's parents live in Georgetown, and that they are prominently known in Washington. The child was richly dressed, but no message of any kind was found attached to the clothing.

#### Evangelist Quins to Speak.

"Do We All Possess an Immortal Soul, or Is Immortality a Gift Bestowed Only Upon Believers in Jesus Christ?" will be the theme of the address by Evangelist John Quinn at the Capital Heights Town Hall to-night, at 7:30 o'clock. Questions on the topics of the evening will be answered at the close of the address.

## BELL REFUSES TO BE FINED.

Mayor Says He Will Get Chauffeur if He Has to Use a Requisition.

President Caverly, of the local automobile club, has withdrawn from the Glen Echo-Mayor Garrett-Shonts-Bell-Collins automobile incident. There are no hard feelings, however. Mr. Caverly tried to bring about a settlement. Bell, the chauffeur, refused to agree. In other words, he refused to go before the Maryland courts.

Mayor Garrett is still strong after Bell. He does not believe Mr. Shonts is desirous of evading the courts. Mr. Garrett says he will have requisition papers issued as a last resort. If Bell goes to New York, it will make no difference.

Next week will be given for the parties concerned to consent to stand trial. Then Gov. Hughes will be asked for papers. Mayor Garrett has no idea of giving up the chase. Bell is not saying what he intends to do.

## FORECAST MAN GETS SNOW

Tried for Rain, but April Weather Upsets His Calculations.

Washington Only Spot in United States So Significantly Honored. Cold as Winalpeg.

A week ago Friday the maximum temperature in Washington was 82 degrees. The week before that it was 93 degrees. It snowed in Washington yesterday. No other city in the United States claimed this distinction.

The cold weather reached the city first. If it had not been for the cold weather, naturally there wouldn't have been any snow. But there was the cold weather, and the snow flakes followed. People had to look twice to realize that the little white things in the air were really pieces of snow. And then they thought of the new hat at home, of the tan shoes, and of the sunny, balmy days of only a few days ago. "Spring came," the little folks were saying last week. Yesterday the exclamation was, "Snow has come."

The snow yesterday was ephemeral, except in the parks, where it remained on the trees and grass. Nothing resulted from the snow except a lot of work for the weather clerks, lamp, slippery streets, and thousands of grumbling, disappointed citizens.

The forecasts for to-day are for clear weather. There are no indications of rain or snow, and the fall of yesterday was probably the last of the season. Washington has had a most unusual spring, and the snow yesterday only added to the record. Thirteen years ago Friday there were two inches of snow here. Several times during April since then there have been burles of snow, but none even amounted to anything. On one occasion there was a slight snow fall in May, but this was most extraordinary, and might not happen again in a hundred years.

At Winalpeg, Manitoba, there was a slight fall of snow yesterday, and last night the temperature was exactly the same as here—32 degrees above zero. Winalpeg is nearly 1,200 miles from Washington. There was also a fall of snow in the vicinity of Mount Weather, on the Blue Ridge Mountains, sixty miles from Washington, but nowhere else in the country. Along the coast of the South Atlantic States the weather was full of rain.

## SOLDIERS TO AID IN BENEFIT

Will Drill for Woman's Army and Navy League Affair.

Cavalry and Artillery in Fancy Exhibitions at Fort Myer Next Wednesday.

An elaborate programme of fancy cavalry drill, vaudeville, and other entertainment will be given at Fort Myer Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Woman's Army and Navy League for the benefit of the various movements of that organization toward the promotion of the general welfare and contentment of the enlisted men of the army and navy. The members of the league are bending every effort to make the affair a great financial success, and it is expected to prove the biggest entertainment held at Fort Myer this year.

The programme, as at present arranged, includes two of the fancy cavalry drills for which the Thirteenth Regiment is noted. The drills will be held in the riding hall at 2:30 and 4 o'clock, respectively. Troop F, under the command of Capt. Guy Preston, and in charge of Lieut. H. S. Berry, will give the first exhibition, and Troop H, commanded by Capt. Ervin L. Phillips, will give the second drill. The saddle squad of Troop H will be in charge of Lieut. Leonard L. Dietrich, and the bareback squad under Lieut. B. T. Merchant. This troop will also give a saber mounted drill, and Butt's manual of saber, dismounted, under the leadership of First Sgt. Mann.

The Third Battalion Field Artillery, consisting of the Third and Fourth batteries, will drill one battery with each cavalry drill. The artillery drill will be even more spectacular than the cavalry exhibition, the swinging turns, made at gallop, being particularly replete with thrills. The Third Battery is commanded by Capt. T. N. Horn, and the Fourth by Capt. D. T. Moore.

Outdoor military sports also figure in the programme. There will be mounted, dismounted, and bareback polo, a tug of war between marines led by Sgt. Miller, and soldiers led by Sgt. Kelly, of the Third Battery, in charge of Capt. E. B. Cassatt. In the gymnasium of the post, exchange a vaudeville performance will be given after the drills, and refreshments sold from attractive booths in charge of Mrs. B. C. Bryan.

The administration building there will be a candy booth in charge of Mrs. E. A. Koepfer, and Mrs. A. S. Barker will sell flowers. There will be dancing in the hall and a promenade concert, the floor being in charge of Lieut. Merchant. Two bands—the Engineers' and Thirteenth Cavalry—will provide the music during the afternoon. The entertainment is to last from 1 until 7 o'clock.

#### Orders by Commissioners.

The following orders were issued yesterday by the Commissioners: That S. Y. Gass, leveler, sewer division, at \$1,200 per annum, be transferred to transitman in the surface division, at \$4 per day, to take effect when he reports for duty; that R. Y. Middleton, chairman in the sewer division at \$600 per annum, be promoted to rodman at \$750 per annum, vice H. N. McAuley, transferred, and that C. E. Woodson, chairman at \$225 per day, be promoted to chairman at \$500 per annum; that the Connecticut Avenue Bridge be paved with a macadam roadway; also that the temporary portion of the sidewalk be paved with macadam; that estimated cost of \$250; that the roadway on Second street northeast, between H and I streets, be paved with asphalt, at an estimated cost of \$4,800.

## CALL FOR "BIG STICK"

### Central American Republics Want Yeliza Checked.

#### MINISTERS IN CONFERENCE

Believed Crucial Moment for Intervention Is at Hand—Meanwhile Peace Compact Is Being Prepared for Presentation to Nicaragua. Commander Fullam Reports.

Four little Central American republics, alarmed over the attitude of President Zelaya, the ambitious head of the Nicaraguan government, have appealed to the United States government for protection.

They have asked for the moral and physical support of the Big Stick in their effort to end the war between Nicaragua and Honduras.

A peace pact is being entered into here between the diplomatic representatives of Guatemala, Salvador, Costa Rica, and Honduras. Backed by the powerful influence of the United States and Mexico, the peace treaty, when completed, will be presented to Senor Corea, the Nicaraguan Minister, for his approval or rejection.

In the latter event it is understood that the four republics will combine and attempt to secure by force of arms what they desire to accomplish by peaceable means.

#### Ministers in Conference.

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#### Interfered with American Ships.

The Navy Department yesterday received a message from Commander Fullam, of the Marietta, which is operating off the Honduran coast, for the protection of American interests. Commander Fullam states that the Marietta arrived off the port of Trujillo, Honduras, on March 18, and found in the harbor four Nicaraguan vessels and the Nicaraguan troops, under command of Gen. Estrada, in full possession of the town, which was captured on March 12.

Commander Fullam reports that some trouble was experienced by two American ships which were refused authority to take on provisions in one instance and to clear with a cargo of fruit in another. After a conference which he had with the Nicaraguan commander, however, the restrictions were removed and the vessels were permitted to enter the harbor and leave. With the consent of the Nicaraguan commander, the Marietta sent ashore ten blue jackets, and according to Commander Fullam, there has been no interference with American interests by either the Honduran or Nicaraguan forces.

He adds that the United States consular agent at Trujillo has given protection to women and children of all nationalities inside the large inclosure of the consulate grounds. Several representatives of other countries have done the same. Quiet and order prevailed throughout the town at the time the report was written.

#### BRYAN AS LINCOLN ORATOR.

Nebraska to Speak at Memorial to Martyred President.

William Jennings Bryan will make the principal address in connection with the exercises which will be held in commemoration of the forty-second anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, at the Columbia Theater, April 14.

The services will be held under the auspices of the Union Veterans League, Encampment No. 111, and the committee having the memorial in charge has extended invitations to the officers of all organizations resulting from the civil war (whether they or their fathers were the blue or the gray), officers of the army and navy, and many persons prominent in social and public life in Washington.

Washington have already been received from Gen. Robert Shaw Oliver, Acting Secretary of War; Gen. John M. Wilson, U. S. A.; Charles H. Trevel, United States Treasurer; Senators Parker and Warner, Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Newberry, United States District Attorney Baker; Commissioner Garfield, Secretary of the Interior; Macfarland, Second Assistant Postmaster General McCleary, Maj. Gen. Bell, Chief of Staff, U. S. A.; Chief Justice Callahan, of the District Supreme Court, and associate justices, Chief Justice Shepard, of the District Court of Appeals, and associate justices; Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Chief of Forestry, Department of Agriculture; Mr. Blair Lee, Attorney General; Mr. McLeod, Commissioner of Pensions; Judge Kinsler, and Mullooney, Samuel Gompers, president American Federation of Labor; Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, Mrs. Allen K. Capron, Hon. W. E. Andrews, Auditor Treasury Department; Mr. McLeod, Secretary of the National Confederate Veterans' Association; Col. John F. Callaghan, secretary Confederate Veterans' Association, and many others.

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Wife of Belgian Minister Will Stay in Baltimore Three Weeks.

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## MEET STANDARD OIL MOVE.

Government Attorneys Act in Anticipation of Dilatory Tactics.

Hearing that the Standard Oil Company plans a long list of bills of exception in the suits pending against that corporation before the courts in St. Louis, the Attorney General and others connected with the legal department of the government are making special efforts to head off the delay which such procedure would entail.

Attorney General Bonaparte, Assistant Attorney General Purdy, F. A. Kellogg and C. A. Severance, special counsel for the government, had a conference yesterday at the Department of Justice, in which they went over the points in the several cases, with a view to meeting the issue made by the Standard Oil Company.

A strong effort will be made to offset the bills of exception and bring the cases to trial. It is believed by the government's counsel and legal advisers that the Standard Oil people are simply stalling for delay, and against this the legal department of the United States government will exert all its power and eloquence. The details of the plan decided upon were not made public last night.

## SUNDAY MUST BE OBSERVED.

Navy Department Directs that Religious Services Be Held.

The controversy between Capt. Richard G. Davenport, commanding the new battleship Georgia, and Chaplain Charles M. Charlton, of the same ship, has been amicably settled by the Navy Department.

Chaplain Charlton asked to be detached from the Georgia and made the complaint that Capt. Davenport had repeatedly refused to allow him to hold religious services aboard the ship. The Navy Department provided that there shall be religious services every Sunday unless unusual circumstances prevent. The department called upon Capt. Davenport for an explanation as to why he had refused to permit services.

Capt. Davenport replied that in one instance the ship was coaling, and at other times there were other reasons which interfered to prevent services. The department decided that his reasons were not sufficient, and has sent him a sharp letter upon the subject, telling him that hereafter he must comply with the navy regulations. Chaplain Charlton has also been directed to remain on the ship.

## POLICE RAID TIPSTER'S DEN

Gang Supposed to Have Sent Out Benning Results.

Birds Not Home, but Sleuths Carry Off Wires and Telegraph Instruments.

What is thought by the police to have been an attempt to outwit the race track authorities and send tips to the out-of-town poolrooms, was unearthed yesterday afternoon.

For some time the Pinkerton detectives have been endeavoring to stop this practice among the race followers, and have tried every way to keep the race information from them. Yesterday one of the detectives, accompanied by Sergeant Russell, of the Ninth precinct, discovered several cells of telegraph wires in a shoe shop near the race track, which it was believed had been left there by the tip senders.

What led to a far more important discovery was a small copper wire which the officers found had been stretched from a building near the track to a house occupied by a colored family. Several men were permitted to enter the harbor and leave. With the consent of the Nicaraguan commander, the Marietta sent ashore ten blue jackets, and according to Commander Fullam, there has been no interference with American interests by either the Honduran or Nicaraguan forces.

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## CREDITORS UNEASY

### Look for Sensation in Martin Brothers' Litigation.

#### PETITION FOR BANKRUPTCY

Alleged Concealment of Securities, Assignment of Rent Lists, and Petition for Receivers Cited as Acts of Insolvency—Strong Box Found and May Be Opened To-morrow.

Through the institution of involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against the Martin Brothers, local real estate dealers and brokers, an action taken yesterday by certain creditors of the firm for which receivers have been appointed, it has developed that criminal proceedings are contemplated. It is intimated by the attorneys representing the creditors filing the petition in bankruptcy that an investigation of the firm's affairs will reveal conditions similar to those existing in the noted Waggaman failure.

In the petition filed before Justice Barnard yesterday by Attorneys John D. Daleh, W. J. Lambert, and Fred A. Pennington, representing Fannie S. Reynolds, Myrick H. Doolittle, and the Washington Times Company, three specific acts of bankruptcy are alleged—the transfer of the firm's rent lists, the request for receivers, and the concealment of securities. The court ruled to show cause on April 22.

#### Firm Assigns Rent List.

It is charged that the firm assigned its rent list to F. H. Smith & Co. on April 4, after making an agreement whereby the latter firm was to share the commissions with the Martin Brothers, whose share was to be turned over to the owners of the houses. This agreement, it is said, was to have held for six years, and it is alleged to have been rendered necessary by the fact that the Martin firm had collected some rents without paying the firm's bills.

The petition sets forth that the fact that the firm applied to have the partnership dissolved and to have receivers appointed is equivalent to an admission of insolvency and an act of bankruptcy. In regard to the alleged concealment of securities, Attorney Pennington stated last night that when he went to the firm's office recently and asked to see a note for \$1,200 made out by a client of his, the members of the firm stated that the note was not there, and that they did not know where it was.

#### Strong Box Comes to Light.

It is claimed by Lee R. Martin, who filed a bill in equity against his brother Thomas to have the partnership dissolved, that his brother had practically the entire charge of the business, and had mismanaged it to his "irreparable injury." Thomas Martin is supposed to be in such a mental condition that he is unable to advise with his counsel, and Lee R. Martin is alleged to be innocent of all connection with the failure.

Mrs. Thomas R. Martin stands valiantly for her husband's credit, and expresses complete faith in his vindication. With the firm's attorney, A. E. L. Leckie, Mrs. Martin found a strong box yesterday in the Washington Safe Deposit Company belonging to her husband. She is in the belief that in this box will be found securities to offset the greater part of the firm's indebtedness. She further believes there is another box, for which a search will be made to-morrow. Her husband is said to be in a mental condition rendering it impossible for him to assist in the search for the missing securities and other assets.

Guy H. Johnson and Joseph D. Sullivan, the receivers appointed by Justice Claybaugh, will ask the court's permission to have the safe deposit boxes opened to-morrow. There is a general feeling among the creditors that little, if anything, of benefit to them will be found in the box. It is estimated that the amount of the firm's indebtedness has been greatly exaggerated and that the liabilities may not reach \$75,000.

#### LECTURE SERIES STARTED.

Gaillard Hunt Speaks on Diplomacy at University Club.

A series of Saturday night talks was inaugurated at the University Club last night when Gaillard Hunt, of the State Department, spoke on "American Diplomacy from Jefferson to John Hay." As but a short time was allowed him, Mr. Hunt could do little else than mention briefly the predominant features that stand out in the diplomatic history of the United States. He characterized Jefferson as the first American diplomat in a broad sense, but confined his lecture to the men who made the Monroe doctrine, and who followed it. To Monroe he attributed America's first stand as a nation with a diplomacy, admitting, however, that there was no reason for dispute as to who was the author of the famous document—Monroe, Madison, or John Quincy Adams.

He contradicted the claim that Congress forced the war of 1812 on Madison, and said that the President was anxious for war, as he saw in it the only method of driving the internal enemies of the republic into the open. In discussing that period he called attention to the fact that there were three parties in the United States besides the two political parties—the Conservatives, who still looked to England for precedent, the French party, who wished that the American policy be sacrificed for the interests of France, and the American party, composed of such young men as Henry Clay and John Calhoun.

Coming nearer to the present day, he characterized Thomas B. Reed as a "splendid" Secretary of State, James G. Blaine as a "brilliant" Secretary of State, Richard Olney as "fearless and intellectual," John Hay as "peaceful and diplomatic," and Elihu Root as great.

#### LAY CORNER STONE JUNE 24.

Masons Decide on St. John's Day as Date for Ceremony.

The corner stone of the new Masonic Temple, to be erected at the corner of New York avenue, H, and Thirteenth streets, will be laid with elaborate ceremonies St. John's Day, June 24. This date was decided upon last night at a meeting of the Masonic Temple Association, upon suggestion of Dr. Francis J. Woodman, most worshipful grand master of the District of Columbia.

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## SEEKS TO ESCAPE; DROWNS.

Unknown Man Runs from Police Into the Canal.

While endeavoring to escape from several officers of the Seventh precinct, who were chasing him, an unknown colored man about twenty-six years of age, jumped into the Chesapeake and Ohio canal at the foot of Thirtieth street, last night, and was drowned.

The negro, along with several other young men about the same age, had been causing some disturbance while standing on the corner of Thirtieth and M streets, and started to run at the appearance of the officers. Either blinded by coming from the lighted street, or because of fright, the young negro dashed headlong into the canal.

"The officers worked desperately to save him, but by the time he was drawn from the water only a spark of life remained. He was hurried to the Georgetown University Hospital where he died within a few minutes."

## PARSONS BACKS PLUMBERS

Contractor Insists on Union Labor for Municipal Building.

Will Cancel Agreement with Nolan Firm if It Refuses to Comply with Demands.

If the firm of James Nolan & Sons does not continue the plumbing work on the new municipal building with union men Monday, James L. Parsons, general contractor, will do the work himself, even canceling his contract with the Nolan firm if necessary. This statement was made by Mr. Parsons yesterday afternoon.

"If Mr. Nolan wants to fight the labor unions, he cannot do it through me. I intend to push this work as rapidly as possible, and believing the trades to be justified in their contentions, I could not act otherwise than I did."

Mr. Nolan was silent when seen yesterday, saying that he did not care to discuss the matter. Yesterday brought new developments in the strike situation on the building. There were no plumbers working, but all the other trades went to work as usual. The strike has been generally discussed throughout the city, and although there is a general feeling of unrest and faint anticipation of trouble, there is a general spirit of optimism among those concerned. It was stated yesterday that the differences of opinion existing in the master builders' organization, and the Master Plumbers' Association, which were brought to a point by Friday's strike and the action following it, are not of a serious nature, and will easily be smoothed over. It is patent that Mr. Parsons acted contrary to the stand taken by the master builders when they supported the master plumbers in their insistence that the disputed clauses in the arbitration award, over which all the trouble arose, be referred back to the arbitration board for interpretation. It is said that the majority vote in this instance was swung by men who had no big work on their hands. It is also said that a number of the master plumbers do not agree in the stand taken by their organization, and as an instance, it is stated that Mr. Parsons gave the Congress Hall Hotel contract to the firm of Robert B. Caverly because it had complied with the award by employing union men alone. It is further intimated that James L. Parsons is the one who is demanding that the dispute be referred back to the arbitration board.

Mr. Parsons, in explaining his attitude yesterday, said that he was one of the principals in the movement that brought about